

Applicants: Carns et al.  
Serial No.: 09/351,544  
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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Six replacement sheets containing formal drawings are attached hereto. Please substitute the five replacement sheets of formal drawings for the five sheets of informal drawings originally filed with the application. In addition, please substitute the sixth replacement sheet of formal drawings for the addition sheet of informal drawings added by amendment.

No new matter has been added. Minor clarifications have been made. In the graph of figure 1, the y-axis is now labeled "Critical Dimension ( $\mu\text{m}$ )" instead of simply "CD". The dimension "Angstroms" has been added to the x-axis. In figure 3, the word "Undercutting" has been added above the reference numerals 180. In figures 4 and 5, the words "Rapid Thermal Oxide Layer" have been added above the reference numerals 170. In figure 12, the words "Rapid Thermal Oxidation" replace the acronym "RTO" in step 10a that was included in the hand-drawn figure added by amendment.

Attachment: 6 replacement sheets

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REMARKS

Applicants are submitting formal drawings to replace the informal drawings that were originally filed with the application. In addition, Applicants have made minor stylistic corrections to the specification. No new subject matter has been added by this amendment. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (925) 621-2121 with any questions regarding this Rule §1.312 amendment.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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